

Docket Number: 2316-152

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In re Application of) Examiner: Gerald G. LEFFERS, Jr.
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 Norman G. Anderson et al.) Group Art Unit: 1636
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OFFICIAL**RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 16, 2004

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed May 17, 2004, Applicants hereby elect group IV, which includes claims 61, 64-71, 74-77, and 80-82, for examination on the merits with traverse.

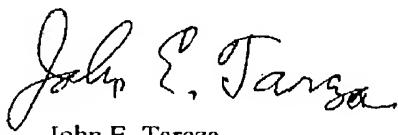
These elected claims related to the same types of microbanding tubes as in the non-elected claims. Much of the present claim language is directed to details of the microbanding tubes. As such all of the claims should be examined together.

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A petition for a one-month extension of time is attached. The commissioner hereby is authorized to charge payment of any fees under 37 CFR § 1.17, which may become due in connection with the instant application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No.500933.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: July 16, 2004



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Attachment: Petition for one-month extension of time

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